

**Preliminary 2022–2023 Action Plan for the Task Force for International Cooperation on Air Pollution
(TFICAP)**

1. Mandate and vision:

As set out in the mandate for the Task Force on international cooperation on air pollution, the Task Force will promote international collaboration towards preventing and reducing air pollution to improve air quality globally. It will be a forum for the international exchange of information and mutual learning on both the scientific/technical and policy levels. It is intended to be a repository for technical information and a convener of countries and organizations, with the goal of increasing international cooperation on addressing air pollution.

2. The TFICAP aims:

As previously referenced to the convention, The TFICAP will aim to fulfil its purpose by:

- a. Acting as an international platform for information sharing, mutual learning and collaboration on air pollution;
- b. Fostering emissions reductions of air pollutants through exchange of information on best practices and policy approaches;
- c. Taking a “one atmosphere” approach in addressing international air pollution;
- d. Facilitating the matching of funding opportunities with country efforts and needs;
- e. Promoting an evidence-based approach to air quality management;
- f. Working to raise public awareness of the health and environmental impacts of air pollution;
- g. Collaborating and communicating with partners and stakeholders.

3. 2022-23 TFICAP Objectives:

For 2022-23 we propose that the Task Force set out the following objectives:

1. Establish a website to provide publicly available information on air pollution science and policy initiatives
2. Canvass the widest possible participation in the Task Force incorporating CLRTAP parties and non-CLRTAP parties.
3. Hold a meeting of Task Force to set out initial areas of international collaboration and cooperation on air pollution science and policy.
4. Establish longer term structures for the Task Force to set the work of the Task Force for the coming years
5. Hold a forum event, supported by the Task Force to bring together a wide and inclusive gathering of interested participants from within and outside of the convention to collaborate and cooperate on topics of interest to improving air quality.

6. Continuously promote and increase public awareness of the forum event and future work of the Task Force

4. 2022-23 Workplan Ambition

This workplan sets out more detailed activities proposed for the Task Force to deliver during its first year

Indicative timing	Task Force Activity
Early 2022	1.1 Outreach and engagement with potential Task Force participants to establish a broad base of active participants both within and outside the convention.
Mar/Apr 2022	1.2 The Task Force will establish its own independent web-presence and website. This will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - List of participants of the Task Force - Informal ways of working document. - Details of all Task Force meetings including all papers and minutes. - Information regarding the first meeting of the Forum and participants - Toolkits as and when developed (see workplan item 1.3). - Links to any other profile-raising awareness activities (social media etc).
April/ May 2022	1.3 Hold first meeting of the Task Force. The first meeting of the Task Force will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Agree ways of working document. - Agree broad structure for the Task Force website. - Hear from participants on current outreach activities and what participants would like from the first event/proposals for the first event. - Discuss content for the website and toolkits. - Discuss the agenda for the first annual event of the Forum. - Discuss the usage of BACA in the Forum context.
Autumn 2022/Spring 2023	1.4 Hold a Forum event (FICAP), supported by the Task Force, open to any country, International organization, experts, or other interested parties inside or outside the convention to join. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The location and format of the event will be determined by the co-chairs taking into account the views of the Task Force and will be chaired by the co-chairs. - The co-chairs will decide on the topics to be considered at the event based on advice from the Task Force. A non-exhaustive list of potential topics for the first annual event is in annex 1 to this paper.
Early 2023	1.5 Develop toolkits for the Forum website: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Policy - Scientific and technical - Funding

	<p>The Task Force will develop three toolkits:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A scientific and technical toolkit – a webpage with links to advice and guidance. 2. A policy makers toolkit – A page of links to advice and guidance aimed at policy makers. 3. Funding opportunities – A page of links to global funding opportunities on air quality issues.
Continuous	<p>1.6</p> <p>Develop a list of events at which The Forum will be represented.</p> <p>The Forum co-chairs/ participants will present/discuss the forum and its work at a range of international meetings to increase the profile of the Forum.</p>

Annex A – Non-exhaustive list of possible topics to be addressed by the Task Force

Policy topics	Science/ technical topics
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Incentives and mechanisms for air quality management across administrative borders 2. Multi-level air quality governance - design, responsibilities 3. Incentives and drivers for participating in cooperative (international, multi-sectoral) air quality strategies 4. The science-policy interface for air quality management 5. Tools for and experience with cost-effectiveness analyses 6. Environmental justice – addressing inequalities 7. Understanding and communication of health benefits (mortality, morbidity) 8. Understanding and quantifying the macro-economic impacts of pollution controls 9. Quantifying and monetizing of air quality benefits, experience with cost-benefits assessments 10. Multi-sectoral air quality policies 11. Sectoral controls: Agriculture 12. Sectoral emission controls: Transport 13. Sectoral emission controls: Small household sources 14. Emission control strategies for solvents 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How to address secondary particles 2. Cost-effective air quality monitoring strategies, number, type and location of monitors, distribution of responsibilities, reporting obligations, quality control 3. Ecosystems monitoring 4. Air pollution damage to agricultural crops 5. Understanding ground-level ozone trends 6. Nitrogen and biodiversity 7. Managing NH₃ emissions 8. Ambient air quality limit values or reducing population exposure 9. Ensuring compliance with vehicle emission standards 10. Low emission zones, traffic management 11. Experience with managing short-term pollution episodes 12. Wood burning stoves 13. Uniform emission standards, product standards, distortion of economic competition 14. Public information on ambient air quality, air quality index, product labels 15. Involving the private sector 16. AQ forecasting systems – tools, recommendations

<ol style="list-style-type: none">15. Powerplants: Incentives for Phase-out of coal, interaction with carbon trading schemes16. Revitalizing old industrial zones17. Manage phase-out of solid fuels from household heating18. Financing mechanisms19. Economic incentive instruments for pollution control20. Enhancing compliance with air quality legislation21. Interaction with climate change policies – maximizing synergies22. Low emission zones, traffic management23. Experience with managing short-term pollution episodes24. Wood burning stoves25. Rights for environmental legislation, legal rights for citizens26. Public information on ambient air quality, air quality index, product labels27. Involving the private sector	
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